labour. The implementation of the provi- -sions of the Act are reviewed from time to time by the Central Government and State Governments are requested to enforce the provisions of the Act vigor ously.

(c) The anti poverty programmes are aimed at ameliorating the social and economic condition of the poor to avoid the possibility of their working under bondage. The State Governments have been requested to start prosecution of the offenders simultaneously with the identification and release of bonded labourers. The Government has also implemented a centrally sponsored scheme for rehabilition tion of released bonded labourers.

Grants to Assam for slum development

1180. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had given any grant to the States for slum clearance during 1987-88 and 1988-89; and

(b) if so, the amount of grant given to Assam and if not, the reasons therefor?"

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The present policy of the Government places greater emphasis on environmental improvement ot urban slums rather than their massive clearance and reallocation. In this regard the State sector Scheme of Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums aims at provision of basic amenities like drinking water supply, street lighting, community baths and latrines, paving of existing lanes and pathways etc. Funds for the Scheme are provided in the State Annual Plan and State Governments formulate and implement appropriate projects under the scheme in accordance with their needs and priorities.

Loss to N.C.C.F. on disposal of imported chickpeas

1181. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHA-KRISHNA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NCCF incurred huge losses on the. disposal of imported Chickpeas;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the then Add Managing Director-Cam-Chief Consultant in NCCF who enquired into the rdatter adversely commented on the action of an Asstt. Manager for initiating the proposal for free delivery on 468 Bags of Chickpeas to M/S. Essell International in December, 1984;

(c) whether it is also a fact that pending disciplinary proceedings against him explanation of the concerned Asstt. Manager was called for in July, 1987; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken against the Asstt. Manager concerned, if no action has been taken, what are the specific reasons for his continuation in the employment of NCCF inspite of his involvement in the buildings?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D.L. BAITHA): (a) NCCF have reported that it had suffered a loss of Rs. 10.49 lakhs in the sale of imported chickpeas.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(?) The explanation of the Asstt. Manager was called for by NCCF in July, 1987; but no decision regarding initiation of disciplinary proceedings against Him was taken by the then Management.

(d) A recordable warning has been issued to the Asstt. Manager.

New incentives for sugar factories

1182. SHRI PARVATHANENI UP-ENDRA: Will the Minister of FOOD

AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced a new incentive scheme for sugar factories with minimum economic capacity of 3500 tonnes of cane-crushing a day;

(b) if so, the details of the incentives; and

(c) whether Government propose some more measures to tackle the ills that have afflicted sugar industry in general and the private sector companies in particular?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D.L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, an Incentive Scheme covering new sugar factories and expansions/restructuring of old and small raits licensed/to be licensed during the Seventh Five Year Plan Period has been announced on 26.12.1988. A copy of the circular issued is at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 63]

(c) The other measures initiated by the Government to improve economic viability of sugar industry include change in levy and free-sale ratio, increase in Statutory Minimum Price of sugarcane and fixation of levy price accordingly, grant of loans on soft terms from Sugar Development Fund for modernisation, re-habilitation and cane development etc.

Closure of the DCM unit at Delhi

1183. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that a large number of workers have been affected due to closure of the DCM unit at Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of workers rendered jobless;

(c) whether any compensation has been given to these retrenched workers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINIS TRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) to(d) According to the Delhi Administration, the manager-mem D.C.M. Ltd. had sought permission from the Delhi Administration to close down its unit at Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi but the Administration did not grant the permission. The Management of the Company filed a writ petition in the Delhi High Court. The High Court by an order dated March 1, 1989 has directed the Lt. Governor to allow closure of the unit forthwith and in any case not later than seven days from the date of the order. It has also directed that the peti tioner shall be bound by the undertakings given to the Court in the Scheme of settlement for payment of compensation to the workmen on the terms and condi tions as set out in the written agreement filed in the Court.

Joint venture with U.S.S.R. for Soyabean Plant

1184. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether application for licence is pending with Government for setting up a Soyabean Processing Plant in the coun try as a joint venture of the USSR and a private Indian party; if so, whether the letter of intent has been issued so far;

(b) whether it is a fact that even with the bumper soyabean crop of the current year there is still excess processing capac ity in the industry as rnany large business houses have already entered the field; and

(c) whether Government have received any objections from the existing units in the line to the above proposal; if so, the details thereof?